

REMARKS

Claim 2 remains the only claim pending in this application.

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boecking in view of Mattes.

Claim 2 has been amended by this amendment to include the recitation that the filling chamber is connected to the high pressure line by means of an annular groove via a conduit in the outer piston. This feature is neither disclosed, taught, suggested nor motivated by Boecking, Mattes or any other art of record.

In applicant's invention, the filling chamber 71-2 between the inner and outer pistons is connected to the high pressure line by means of annular groove 71' via a conduit 71" in the outer piston 39.

By way of contrast in Boecking chamber 61 is filled via a conduit 63 that connects with upper chamber 62. No annular groove is present in this reference.

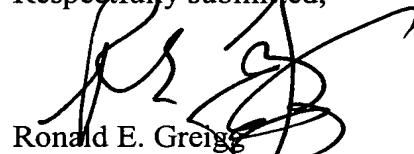
Further, Mattes has no filling chamber connected to high pressure inside the upper piston because the pistons in Mattes are not situated one inside the other.

None of the other references disclose, teach, suggest or motivate the claimed invention.

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Entry of the amendment and allowance of claim 2 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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